



Thomas Russell Middle School



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Dear Community Leaders,

My name is Trisha Lee, and I am the Leadership Advisor at Thomas Russell Middle School. TRMS is a Milpitas middle school of close to 800 students representing a diversity of ethnicities. The Leadership students represent each and every one of our students. In these difficult economic times, I am writing you today to ask for your **financial support** of our Leadership program.

This summer, I hope to send as many of next year's Leadership students to a camp run by the California Association of Student Leaders. CASL is an organization that holds a 3-day camp on the campus of Stanford University. This camp is held to help make students dynamic leaders, well-rounded team players, creative problem solvers, effective communicators, successful presenters and visionary planners. The benefits this camp offers will shape them into the leaders of tomorrow, whether it is in education, a corporation, in politics or within the family. After acquiring these skills our student leaders will be better prepared to promote a positive school climate, involving and connecting more students on our campus.

The cost for a single leadership student to attend this summer's CASL Leadership Camp is \$405.00. With 21 of my students receiving permission to attend, the total camp cost will be \$8,505.00. Each student has already begun to raise the registration fee. I am writing you today to ask for your help by financially sponsoring our students. While the cost for each student is \$405.00, a donation of \$25.00 or more would be most appreciated.

I am including a donation form as well as an additional information sheet about CASL. Please help us and invest in our future, our children. Feel free to use my contact information at the top of this letter to reach me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time and I hope to hear from you soon!

With greatest appreciation,

Trisha Lee
Thomas Russell Middle School
Science Teacher
Leadership Advisor

SPONSOR FORM

YES, I would like to support the Thomas Russell Middle School Leadership program!!!

Please complete this form and return it in the provided pre-addressed envelope with your contribution by May 20th, 2004. A thank you letter and receipt will be sent in early June.

Name/Corporation _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ email _____

Please remember that your contribution is 100% tax deductible. (Please check one):

- ☐ \$405.00 – The registration fee for a single student.
- ☐ \$100.00
- ☐ \$50.00
- ☐ \$25.00
- ☐ \$_____ Other
- ☐ I've filled out and enclosed my employer's charitable match form.

Please make all checks payable to Thomas Russell Middle School.

Thank you so much for your support!!!

What is CASL?

CASL is an outgrowth of the work of the California Association of Directors of Activities (CADA) and their commitment to training and providing opportunities for students to be effective leaders. The two organizations work side by side, through the schools in California, in this developmental process. Membership of CADA includes membership in CASL. To become a member of these partnered organizations, helping advisors and students continue to be more effective in our schools and communities, contact the activities director, ASB or Student Council Advisor at your school. Specific information on membership is available on the CADA pages or through CADA Central at 1-888-USE-CADA.

CASL's Mission

The purpose of the California Association of Student Leaders is to provide an avenue for student expression through a statewide communication network. CASL provides assistance in developing leaders with integrity and ethical decision-making skills, so that they may be active participants at the local, state, and national levels.

This is achieved by:

- * Offering resources that refine leadership abilities
- * Acting as a liaison between students and organizations nationwide
- * Promoting student participation in school and community activities
- * *Providing a forum for student expression*
- * Providing many opportunities for students to practice their leadership skills

CADA/CASL Human Rights Policy

The California Association of Directors of Activities and the California Association of Student Leaders endorse a policy of complete non-discrimination honoring and respecting all human differences and encourage our members and their respective schools and businesses to display a genuine tolerance of others.

**Taken from the CASL Website @ www.casl1.org